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SUBJ: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) TO VIET-NAME FOR NATIONAL  
VOCATION TRAINING CENTER PROJECT

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1. THE PRESIDENT OF ADB APPROVED A GRANT OF US\$44,000 TO VIET-NAM TO FINANCE FOREX COSTS OF A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY AND ESTABLISH THE PARAMETERS OF A MODEL NATIONAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER (NVTC) UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, TO HELP MEET THE SKILLED MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS OF EXPANDING INDUSTRY.

2. PROJECT, WHICH IS ENVISAGED TO BE LOCATED AT THE LONG BINH COMPLEX ADJACENT TO THE EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL PARK AT BIEN HOA, IS PROPOSED TO BE AUTONOMOUS IN REGARD TO FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL AND IS TO BE PLACED UNDER TRIPARTITE MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (COMPRISED OF GOVT, EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION AND LABOR UNIOON REPS).

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3. PROPOSED NVTC IS PLANNED TO COST ABOUT US\$4

MILLION OF WHICH FOREX COMPONENT ESTIMATED TO BE \$3 MILLION; WOULD ACCOMMODATE 600 TRAINEES ON TWO-SHIFT BASIS, PROVIDING BASIC SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMS TO MEET INDUSTRIAL AND CONSTRUCTION NEEDS, HELP TO RE-ORIENT LABOR FORCE TO CHANGING DEMANDS. INCLUDED WOULD BE SUCH BASIC TRADES AS BENCH FITTING, METAL MACHINING, WELDING, SHEET METAL WORK, ELECTRICAL REPAIR WORK AND CARPENTRY. NVTC WOULD ALSO TRAIN INSTRUCTORS TO STAFF OTHER VOC TRAINING CENTERS.

4. BANK AWARE OF MINISTRY OF EDUCATION NETWORK OF VOC TECHNICAL SCHOOLS; UNDER-UTILIZED THU DUC HIGHER TECH ED CENTER; AND VIET-NAM GERMAN TECH SCHOOL AND BELIEVES PROPOSED PROJECT NOT COMPETITIVE IN FUNCTION AND PURPOSE. FUNDS TO FINANCE NVTC OPERATIONS TO BE GENERATED BY PROPOSED GRADED SKILL TRAINING TAX TO BE LEVIED ON ALL STATE AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES EMPLOYING 20 OR MORE EMPLOYEES.

5. PROPOSED TA GRANT WOULD FINANCE FOREX COSTS OF 3 VOC TRAINING EXPERTS FOR 8 WEEKS EACH TO ESTABLISH MIX OF LABOR DEMAND; ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING TRAINING PROGRAMS AFFECTING THE SUPPLY OF SKILLED WORKERS; PRIORITIES FOR CURRICULA AND PROGRAMS AND PREPARATION COST ESTIMATES OF NVTC ON BASIS SELECTED PROGRAMS AND NEEDS, DETAILS SET FOR IN BOARD DOC. R82-74 BEING POUCHED.

6. PARA 7.2 OF BANK'S GUIDELINES FOR TA OPERATIONS, PRESIDENT CAN APPROVE TA GRANTS UP TO \$50,000 WITHOUT SEEKING PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL. SULLIVAN

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